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NEW RAIL LINES IN BULGARIA AND YUGOSLAVIA  
PLAN FOR DANUBE CANAL COMPLETED

There is now a regular train on the Lovech-Troyan line. The passenger cars are filled every morning at the Lovech station, and at 1800 hours the train leaves Troyan for the return trip.

The first day after the line was opened, 100 freight cars loaded with flour, beans, sugar, salt, benzine, gasoline, kerosene, artificial fertilizers, machine parts, meat, and grain arrived at Troyan from Lovech. Within 10 days Troyan has exported 80 carloads of goods, including 38 carloads of wood, 15 of hay, 8 of mine supports, 4 of bottles and 6 of pottery, railroad ties, chairs, apples, and liquor.

Previously, when pottery was shipped by truck, it cost 32 leva to ship a piece of pottery from Troyan to Vratsa, as compared with a maximum of 2 or 3 leva by train.

Before the line was opened, a fleet of 120 trucks was kept at Troyan; but they were unable to meet the needs of the expanding economy, although they were in constant use.

In 10 days, 2,214 passengers have been carried from Troyan and vicinity.

DANUBE-TISA-DANUBE CANAL -- Borba, No 12, 15 Jan 49

The general plan of the great Danube-Tisa-Danube Canal has now been completed, after only a year of work.

An experimental cut was made last year in the Banat, where the canal will be deepest and the cutting most difficult. Large-scale operations will begin in the spring.

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NIKSIC-TITOGRAĐ LINE OPENED -- Politika, No 13134, 16 Jan 49

The Niksic-Titograd railroad line was opened to transportation on 13 July 1948.

SUNKEN YUGOSLAV TUG TO BE RAISED -- Politika, No 13141, 23 Jan 49

Operations to raise the 360-ton tug "Sv. Djordje" (St George), which was sunk by the Germans in 1944 in the Sava off the village of Bezanijska, near Belgrade, were begun in September 1948 and will be finished soon.

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